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Local Brevities.

County Clerk Clinton yesterday issued a marriage license to August Kaugal and Annie Suojala, both of Clatsop county.

Rev. W. S. Short, pastor of Grace church, left yesterday for Portland to attend the meeting of the trustees of Good Samaritan hospital. Mr. Short will go from Portland to Heppner,

where he will deliver the sermon at the consecration of the new Episcopal church. Rev. J. E. Forsyth will occupy the pulpit at Grace church during Mr. Short's absence.

Notice is hereby given to water consumers that Saturday, April 9, will be the last day on which to pay water rates to avoid the penalty charged all delinquents.

The price of potatoes has risen greatly during the past week, and con-

sumers are now required to pay 40 cents a sack more than the price prevailing 10 days or two weeks ago. The rise is the result of the backward season.

An enjoyable dancing party was given last evening at St. Mary's hall by the Young Men's Institute. The attendance was large.

William Miller, who was arrested by Sheriff Linville and escorted to jail on a lumber wagon, was yesterday fined \$10 by Police Judge Anderson. He did not pay the fine and is still in jail.

The funeral of the late Matti Bakko, aged 15, who died Wednesday night of consumption, will be held at 2 this afternoon from Pohl's undertaking parlors. The interment will be in Greenwood.

John Corlisk of Olympia, Wash., has been at Seaside for a few days making a preliminary survey for the new waterworks system to be installed there. Within two weeks a full force of surveyors will be in the field.

This is Arbor day, a national holiday instituted in the interests of the forests of the country. Exercises will be held in the primary rooms at the Shively school, but whether or not the day will be generally observed at all of the schools was not stated.

Mrs. C. A. Gearhart has been appointed deputy county school superintendent. She will act during the absence of County Superintendent Lyman, who is at St. Louis in charge of the Oregon educational exhibit. Mr. Lyman expects to return about August 1.

Before Justice Goodman yesterday Thomas Russell, Jr., pleaded guilty to a charge of simple assault, and was fined \$50, which he paid. Russell was arrested at the instance of Chinese residents of Smith Point, who charged that Russell has stood them up at the point of a revolver and made them dance.

Frank Morrison, the sailor who ran amuck Wednesday night, pleaded guilty to having fired off a revolver in the city limits, before Police Judge Anderson yesterday afternoon, and was fined \$50. He was given over to the custody of the officers of the Perry and sentence was suspended upon his promise to remain abroad.

Articles of incorporation of the J. H. Johansen Company were filed yesterday at the office of County Clerk Clinton. The company is to engage in general merchandising at Seaside. The incorporators are J. H. Johansen, S. L. Johansen and A. L. Fisher, and the capital stock is placed at \$3,000, divided into 50 shares.

P. E. Peterson will in a few days open a family wholesale liquor store at 534 Commercial street, the building just vacated by Will Madison. It is Mr. Peterson's intention to carry the very finest lines of wines and liquors, and to give the Astoria public first-class service. The store will be ready for business in about a week, although many orders have already been received.

The French bark La Fontaine and British ship Cromartyshire crossed out yesterday with grain and lumber. The Cromartyshire has had more serious mishaps, perhaps, than any other vessel ever making this port, and if she arrives out in safety shipping ben will be surprised. The famous old ship collided with the French liner La Bourgoyne off the coast of Newfoundland some years ago, and in the disaster several hundred persons were drowned. The Cromartyshire has been wrecked several times and had several narrow escapes, but she is still earning money for the Shire line of England.

A good joke was practiced yesterday on the democrats of the thriving precinct of Seaside. It was the date set for the democratic primaries and convention, and N. D. Bain and J. E. Logan were to be the leading lights. C. J. Curtis, who seems to have a decided stand in with all the political parties at the coast town, had been asked to preside at the convention and agreed to do so. When the time for the convention rolled around neither Bain nor Logan was in evidence. So Curtis, M. J. Young and several other republicans got together to hold a convention for the absent democrats. Young was elected chairman and C. E. Dubois was chosen to the responsible position of

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outside guard—a new convention office. The convention then proceeded to elect six delegates to the county convention, the following being chosen: N. D. Bain, J. E. Logan and Tony Morrales, democrats, and C. E. Dubois, M. J. Young and R. S. Woods, republicans. After electing delegates the convention adjourned. Of course, the joke was perpetrated by Mr. Curtis, who could not resist the temptation.

The following Associated Press dispatch received last night will be of interest to Astorians: "Seattle, April 7.—A special to the Post-Intelligencer from Ilwaco says: Dr. Edward Klamke, a Danish physician of this place, has been appointed to the hospital and surgery service of the Russian government. He will leave Monday from Victoria on the Empress of Japan for Shanghai."

The West Astoria brass band will give an entertainment Saturday night at Suomi hall. An unusually interesting program has been prepared, among the numbers to be a comedy, "Courtship Under Difficulties." The proceeds of the entertainment will be devoted to the fund of the band, which is composed of 14 musicians, and in which West Astoria manifests much pride. The admission will be: Gentlemen, 50 cents; ladies, 25 cents; children, 15 cents.

At yesterday's session of the county court the petition of B. Van Dusen for a road leading to the eastern portion of the city was granted and John Frye, R. C. F. Astbury and John Chitwood were appointed viewers. The petitions of Charles Thompson and others and Elmer Warnstaff and others for roads were referred to the district attorney for advice, as was the communication of the Tongue Point Lumber Company, which asked to be reimbursed for a roadway which it had constructed. The clerk was instructed to advertise for bids for rebuilding the old railroad bridge at Seaside, and the sheriff was instructed to ascertain suitable places for holding the June and November elections and report April 15. The session will be continued this morning.

Collector of Customs Robb yesterday received telegraphic advices from Senator Fulton to the effect that the treasury department had decided to have the customs tug Patrol repaired at Astoria. The repairs will be commenced at once, and when completed the vessel will resume her service here. The dispatch made no reference to the status of the crew, which was recently suspended pending investigation of charges of incompetency. It is presumed, however, the members of the crew will return to their places, as the affair is regarded here merely as an effort on the part of jealous Puget sound neighbors to get the Patrol for service over in Washington.

The county republican convention will be held tomorrow. The convention has been called for 10 o'clock but it is quite likely that adjournment will be taken until 1 o'clock after permanent organization is effected. Many of the delegates will not reach the city until the 11:30 train arrives. From indications, it is now about certain Sheriff Linville will receive the renomination, although W. A. Goodin's friends will try to have his name placed on the ticket. J. C. Clinton will have no opposition for clerk, nor is any one other than T. S. Cornelius talked of for assessor. James W. Welch and C. F. Lester are mentioned as probable legislative candidates, but as yet there has been no public statement as to who will get the nomination for county commissioner.

The oriental liner Indrapura will be libeled here this morning. At Portland yesterday suit was filed against her by the British & Foreign Insurance Company for \$15,000, for alleged damage to cargo by fire. C. E. S. Wood, who filed the proceedings, wanted the vessel arrested immediately, saying he was fearful she might proceed to sea without clearing. This was a ridiculous statement for Mr. Wood to make, as all vessels entering or departing must clear at Astoria. The suit of the British & Foreign Insurance Company is on an assigned claim for \$15,000. While the Indrapura was in drydock at Hongkong in 1902, a quantity of jute bags and other cargo which had been insured by the company were destroyed by fire. The owner alleged that the fire was caused by carelessness on the part of the officers and crew of the steamer. The insurance company paid the loss, and the claim for damages against the steamer was assigned to it by the parties holding the policy. The charge of carelessness on the part of the officers of the steamer is the principal feature of the complaint. The Portland & Asiatic Company is named only as a party defendant.

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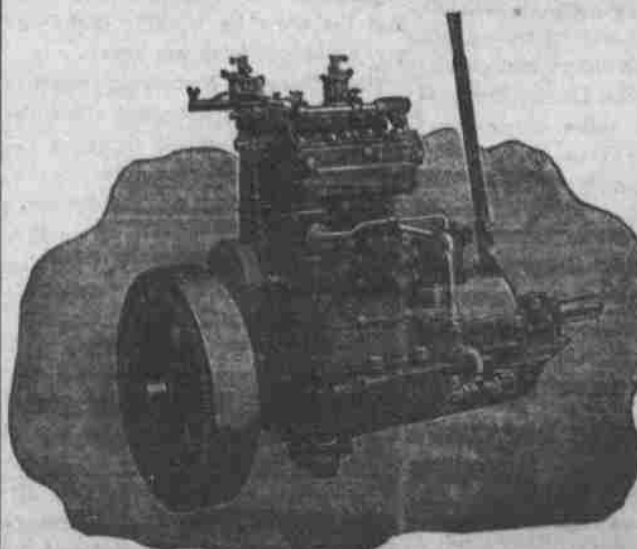
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